



United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND 24th INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) and FORT RILEY

I. Background

The mission of USDA Rural Development is "to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans". In Kansas, the State's traditional rural counties have long suffered from community and economic decline. As a result of a previously announced military and civilian personnel expansion at Fort Riley, an incredible opportunity has emerged for USDA Rural Development to partner with Fort Riley and other federal and state agencies to assist in significant community and economic development in a surrounding eleven (11) county region.

II. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding affirms the mutual desire of USDA Rural Development and Fort Riley to cooperate in outreach efforts to assist individuals, businesses, community organizations and local governments affected by the expansion of Fort Riley.

III. Agreement

- USDA Rural Development and Fort Riley will cooperate in providing information to soldiers and civilians on the availability of programs offered through USDA Rural Development.
- USDA Rural Development stands ready to provide analysis and technical assistance relating to delivery of the Agency's programs.
- USDA Rural Development can make available personnel with expertise to work closely with community leaders to identify infrastructure, housing and business needs.
- USDA Rural Development will increase its outreach efforts to ensure individuals, businesses, community organizations, and local governments are aware of the Agency's infrastructure, housing, and business programs eligibility criteria.

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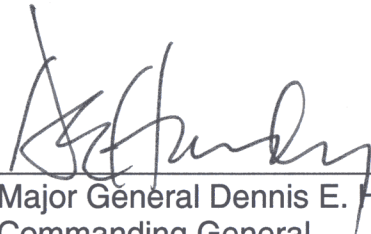
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This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect upon the date of its execution, may be amended at any time by agreement of both parties, and shall remain in force until it is expressly abrogated by either of the parties.

Executed the 27th day of June, 2005



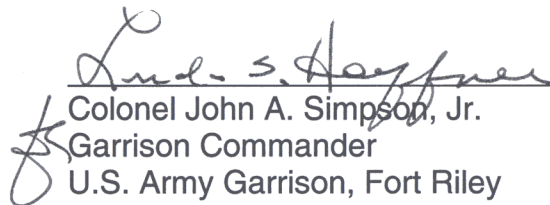
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